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"Will Time, the eternal goddess, ever obliterate the black missry that is transmitted from father to son-will the day ever come when the descendants are

and happy

The tragedy of a race--persecuted and enalayed through the ages, deprived of justice and peace- a stranger even in his native land, wandering along all the roads of the world- proscribed.....

The little Russian city hears that soldiers are to be billeted in its homes- a regiment of Cossacks seeks shetler. But all the homes are overcrowded, there is not a single empty room to be had- the Jews

must therefore clear out of their houses. Chaim Abramowitsch, leader of the Jewish community, is absorbed in reading to some of his friends, when the soldiers drive him and his family out of the house. Accustomed to such acts of violence, he remains eilent; but when they try to seize his daughter, when they abuse his wife and children, he bursts into a violent speech for which he is to be thrown into prison, much to the satisfaction of the crowd that had in the meantime gathered, drawn to the scene by an idle curiosity. In this, as in every instance, the crowd views with pleasure every insult heaped upon the Jew, for what is ordinarily regarded as a wrong, when visited upon a Jew, becomes a right in their eyes. Only one person steps from among the crowd to protest against the maltreatment of the Jews, Sascha Mulnikow, a young student-The Mulnikows, an orthodox Christian family are neighbors of the Abramowitsch's with whom they have been quite friendly, Sascha and Manja (Abramowitsch) having grown up as playmates together. The reckless brutality of the injustice shown the dews angers the student; energetically he defends their cause, rescues Chaim Abramowitsch from the threatening imprisonment, and brings his wife and children to his The leader of the Jews scorns however, the offer of shelter when his coreligionists have no roof ofer their heads. The stars shine over these Jews explelled from their homes, as they, freezing, try to sleep in the open fields. Like all Russians, Sascha Mulnikow had been taught to hate and despise the Jews, and to regard their persecution as a Moble act.

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But he had never put much stock in such teachings, and ever since there had been born in his breast a deep affection for Manja, he had interested himself in the problem of the Jews. Ever since the day that he first felt his love, he inquired into the destiny of the englysed Assian Jews, and their eternal sufferings became his study. His friends, ridiculed him, but he heeded them not. Vera Vronskij, who is in love with him, and who makes no secret of her affections, rebukes him for his sympathy with the Jews- he retorts sharply. And Dimitrij Vronskij, Vers's brother, who has tried by force to make Manja Abramowitsch his mistress, experiences at the same time the strength and the pride of the purity of soul that dwells in the timid and tender girl. The Vronskijes, brother and sister have never been troubled as to the justice of their blind hatred of the Jews, and now jealousy and disappointment fan their hatred into fierce flames. Their rage knows no bounds as they see Sascha sending all efforts towards securing the removal of the regiment of Cossacks and to give a public feast They go among their friends and incite and enrage in honor of Manja. them against the pair, so that despised and insulted, Sascha and Manja are compelled to leave the banquet hastily. Manja, however is not especially concerned over the insults to her; her chief concern is that her lover shall not suffer with her under the curse that has been visted upon her people. "When they strike at me, they hit you also". And she would rather keep away from him than to let him suffer on her account.

While the Abramowiteches are busy preparing for Passover, Sascha buries himself in studying manuscripts about Jewry in order to ascertain the truth or falsity or the many hateful things that are attributed to this oppressed race so heedlessly and shortsightedly. He comes upon a book about the origin of the superstition shout the Ritual Murder, born of race hatred and persecutory rage. He read the records of the first, well planned Ritual Murder fraud .... in 332 B.C. Alexander the Great, who has freed Egypt from Persian yoke, resides in pump and splendor in the city of Alexandria, built by him. Fairylike pumpous festivals in the gigantic halls of his phlaces are the reward for his victories. Helena, the most begutiful woman at the Greek court must dance for him and his young friend Peistraton It was one of these festivals that Peisastros was seen last, in the strongest manner the young marshall has disappeared. In vain Alexander inquires for him allower, in vain he promises the highest rewards to the one who will bring him news of the missing Peisastros. When days after Manetho, the High Priest of the Egyptian goddess Osiris, is announced. He brings frightful news. "The fews have sacrificed Peistrates to their God." Alexarder does not believe him, does not want to believe him; he esteems the jews, he favors them against the Egyptians, who were their oppressors and he calls Manetho a liar. The priest however conjucts him at night to the Jewish temple he shows him in the most holy section (according to the Jewish history the temple was divided in three concensric parts, the innermost of which was known as the MOST HOLY , translators note) a bloodstained altar, a bloody knife, and the bloodstained garment of Peistrates .

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Sasha has read the report up to that point, when his mother enters the room; she is in great worry; Sonja, Saschas little sister cannot be found. In vain Sascha inquires all over town, in vain all his friends help him to look for the child, also Vera and Dimitrij Vronskij, with whom he has reconciled himself while searching for the child. And already a rumor runs thru the town, passes from street to street, penetrates all homes: "The Jews" It is Passover. "The Spectre of the monomania- of Ritual murder awakened.

The children of Chaim Abramowitch were on an excursion to the neighborhing village Lasoma on this unhappy day, to the house of Betruk Czapka, the Polish innkeeper. There also Sascha inquires, and Vera and Dimitrij inquire for the little one, and Maruschka, the wife of the innkeeper, reports how she had seen Sonja the last moment- seized by Chaim Abramowitch. Sascha heart grows cold, he is also approached by the Spectre, which puzzles all minds. Ritual murder. He checks himself, checks himself desperately because of his better conviction, because of his love for Manja. But Bers and Dimitrij drive him on and incite him, and driv en by passion te fear, Sascha approched Abramowich and finds with him Sonja's little cap. In vain Abramowitch swears to his innocence . Sascha accuses him of the murder, and Vera and Dimitrij announce it all over to the public. Cries of murder are resounding thru the streets, and before the police appears, which are to arrest Chaim Abramowitch, the fanatic mob storm the house of the jewish community leader, the creed drags him and his people out upon the street in order to lynch the hated. In the last moment the approach of the police saves the threatened family, Chaim Abramowitsch is lead to prison, while his relatives must hide in the cellar of a jewish peddlar to escape the fury of the populace.

The fury of the people is not to be halted. It demands its victims While Sascha locks himself in his room pained and despaired, while during these hours of torture he finishes the story of Peistratos and learns, that the supposed ritual murder of the young Greek was nothing but a clever and skillful trick of the clergyman, the fury rages outside right thru the night, and the bloodthirsty are celebrating their weird orgies. POGROM. And just how that first ritual murder was a falsity and lie, so all tales of later ritual murders are fairy tales and inventions? Never was the crime proved on account of which the Justsh nation is so often persecuted Thus finishes the report, and tortured, never did they commit the crime. which Sascha reads in his quiet room, until exhausted he falls ableep over his book and outside: Murder and fires in the streets of the Jewish town, flames which go up to the sky as the omen of terrible blundering. Dead ones in destroyed homes, and on the sidwalks poor victims of beastliness of men. Pursued and desperate people, close to madness, they escape in to the temple, which is to serve as last refuge. But the desire for blood does not stop before the holy walls, here too there is murder, and

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and above the dead the temple goes up in flames ..

The first rays of the sun fall upon these places of terror the next day, they awaken Chaim Abramowtch in his cell, and with the first sunlight Petruk Czapka, the innkeeper, finds little Sonja, who while gathering berries had been caught in the branches of thickets. He carried the child into his house, in terror and fear he and his wife Maruschka sit at the bed of the child "They will stone us if we bring her back now."

Maruschka starts on her way to the city, she wants to get advice from Dimitrij Vronekij and his sister, she knows they both hate the Jewa as much ask she does. And there she hears what she hoped to hear: "As long as any of the Abramowitches live, Sonja must not be brought back."

Once more Dimitrij Vronskij tries to get possession of Manja, whose hiding place he has found out, by telling her the lie that the murder of Sonja had been proven, and with the promise to save her fatheriff she would give up her body. For a moment even Manja becomes hesitating, but the form of her father appears, and she beholds the sight as he was dragged by the police; again she hears his strong words which testify to has belief in justice: "Be consoled and confident my child, the truth must conquer" And a second time her soul is protected against the tempter; she repels Dimitrij Fronskij. Vera also has been refused by Sascha, and mad yearning for revenge drives the brother and sister to devilish deeds. With the lie that an teempt to freeChaim Abramowitch had been made, they incite the mob, "Get him out of prison-punish him yourselves."

With Vers and Dimitrij at the head the excited mob goes to the prison. Yells are passed through the streets, Chaim Abramowitch, give us the Jew. The soldiers guarang the prison, try to quiet the people, the furious become more raging, shots fall, and with a wild cry Dimitrij Vronskij drops to the ground, shod dead. In the next moment, the soldiers are separated, and while Vers in her deep wos throws herself over the body of her dead brother, the mob enters the prison, and Chaim Abramowitch is dragged out of his cell.

The end of a dire tragedy, Chaim Abramowtich and his relatives at the wall, surrounded by a mob determined to murder. In front of his wife and children the supposed murderer is to die. Already they lift the stones which are to kill him, when Manja with superhuman strenght tears herself away from those who hold her and throws herself at her fathers breast, in order to cover him with her body. The rage for blood of a dehumanized mob cannot be disammed by the heroic love of a child. The stones fly and hit only too well.

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In the meantime , Petruk Czapka cannot bear any longer the weepint of little Sonja., who wants her mother, and he starts on his way in his little wagon without waiting for the return of his wife in order to bring back the child to the parents. Infinite is the joy of parents and brothers and sisters, since they are presented with the one they believed dead. While they still kiss and hug the child, a boy brings the terrible news, that Chaim Abramowitch and his children are being stoned. Hurried on by deadly anguish Sascha starts on his way to save the innocent ones. He arrives just at the moment when Manja sinks down unconscious: "Halt, you are killing innocent people? Sonja lives. "Like paralyzed all arms drop, the stones fall out of their hands. Before Chaim Abramowtich and his unahppy child kneels Sascha. The hands of the tortured bid Jew go up to heaven, his eyes seek the light. "If they are converted, then to Thee, oh Lord be this an offering. But they are not. "The heads bow down deeply in guilt and repentance, the glances of those was were ready to kill do not dare to look up to the one who only minutes ago was hated, and despised. Sascha however stps before him with lightning eyes "I have been conversted by the Lord. My life belongs to God-it shall be my life work to preach the infinite love and to help your poor people?

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The Horeword

Can you picture generation after generation of deshward murching tribes committed to the warship of Ged, gods and idels, praying in wiedom, in costany, in solumnity and in francy, yet destroying, maining, and clashing one another with inhern hatrod? Sparning noither mus, nor the sen of man and woman, pursuing their bleed lust as if with a hely purpose, thus have they victimized all living things to the shrine of the supreme felly perferce of the one instrainted disease of all mankings Prajudice. In their journey they have left as living thing noither unsullied nor untouched, and strewn ever the universe their victimality in legion petrified by the sends of time. What barrier has it not placed between Ged and Ham? When has it not separated? In which saturates corner of the earth has it not left its saturate phis dent? Int unto the Divine commandments, and the first on the second tablet read:

# THOU SHALP HOT KILL

Yet from these Ten Compandments did the tribes turn their eyes, and heeded them met, even as now.

Here is a simple story of sml-strife. There is no definite timeno definite place. It might have happened smytime, enywhere. Its problem is as old as Time, aged as Nam.

If you will, picture a small town in Imperial Russia.

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Real 1.

He. L. Into this village came, eme day, a band of imperialist Geometra, valuelorious presenters of a fast decaying throne, seeking unchartered hespitality.

No. 2. Unknown to them there lived one Jeb Abrameff, a servant of Ged and a servant of men. If he had no other name you might just call him "Man".

No. 3. Gathered about him are his belowed family and friends with "whom he speaks of higher things.

No. 3A. "Why is the government intelerant? Why is commerce only the outlet for our broadwinners?"

No. 4. A squad is delegated to command shelter.

He. 5. "Punish all who resist!"

No. 6. The effice of the previnicial Mayer.

No. 7. The Mayor tells them their object in his little prevince is difficult to meet.

No. 8. So the efficer commands that the already oppressed be evicted.

No. 9. Thus, the projudiced minds of a few will seen frustrate the tranquility of a peace-leving family and friends.

No. 10. The first depressing blow descends on an eppressed people.

He. 11. "Must my children sleep without shelter?"

No. 12. Not far from the Abramaffe lived a genteel family, though helding a different faith yet believing faithfully and so, were diverced from Prejudice. You might call them "the family Stregev."

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TECHNOLOGIC DELANA AREA-CUE

No. 13. "Manma"! Father! "Benjamin and Ruth are forced from their home."

No. M. Greping between darkness and enlightenment, Sasha Stregov pretests the soldiers' brutality.

### Reel 2.

He. 1. Two new characters fit into our drawn. In life senstimes finds one who is evil, and the other He co-conspirator. Thus Vrensky is a mon without a scal, and Vera, his sister, harbers an unreciprocal affection for Sasha.

No. 2. Another is Hamya. To Sacha she is the symbol of purity in womankind. To her he presents the ideal in man.

No. 3. "Mby," he reasons " is she one of the oppressed?"

No. 4. To a home shattered of its comfort the shepherd led his flock.

No. 5. An evening devoted to books and the search for truth is intermupted by friends.

No. 6. (in the book) Philesophy of Race Prejudice.

No. 7. Blind to justice, Vrencky abuses the oppressed.

No. 8. "Drunk comrade? Sleep it off."

No. 9. The marrymaking is suggested for continuation at the Polish Inn.

No. 10. Departing they leave a note for Vronaky.

He. 11. Vrenchy swears vengeance. But why? Here is a spetless mul defending itself against an evil purpose.

No. 12. Our drama adds two more- the Innkespers who lawfully dispense shelter and unlawfully bait animals.

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INTENSIONS WEAVOUR SOME-SIZES

" You effond a seldier and defend the d--- . Youare in danger, Sasha."

"I have no fear, Vera, I om in the right."

"Sashan your lady friend is not in our class," No. 15.

"Your opinion is not solicited." No. 16.

Reel 3.

A new day is born in this drams. No. 1.

As in every community young folk plan a festive occasion, so He. 2.

in this, on invitation summens Sasha.

"Will you not be with me?" Ho. 3.

Preparations for the gala-day mature. No. 4.

"Manya, Uncle Sasha, is waiting." Non Sa

"Why should Sasha bring her smong us? It is insulting!" Ho. 6.

"Won't you dence for us?" No. 7.

"Oh! My beloved, if they strike me it will not save you." Ho. B. Through me you shall not suffer."

Abrameff's children are off to spend the day on the innkeeper's Ho. 9.

grounds, He. 10. Diligently preparing for the Peasover .-- emether amiversary colebrating deliverance from Egyptian capters.

No. 11. Senya, Sasha's little sister beseeches Abrameff to take her to Benjamin and Ruth.

Hool Ho. 4.

No. 1. Again Sasha penders over the problem of oppression, and by the magic of words the first learns how the seed of projection was implanted.

No. 2. (in the book) In Alexandria, during the reign of Alexander, the

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Great, when religious beliefs of all mankind clashed for supremany the Hebreweslived in harmony and Peace with other ancient tribes, but the Egyptions sought to injure that tranquility.

No. 4. And in the Court of Alexander both commorer and courtiers paid homogo to the beauty of Helena.

No. 5. Helena is invited to demos for her Prince and lever.

No. 6. 'Two days pass and word of Cassander's absence was brought to the Conquerer.

No. 7. (in the book) Alexander, depressed, commanded his Court to spare no effort to find his feverite.

No. 8. "Sire, to thee comes Mamethe, the High Priest of all the Egyptions, and craves word with they august self."

No. 9. "Sire, I, your leyel subject bring and news. Caseander who is esteemed by thee is sacrificed to the God of the Hebrews.

### He to MO MORE ."

(Instructions) the words "No more" should be flashed separately but should be joined to the preceding words and to read " He is NO MORE."

No. 10. " But follow me to the temple of their God, Sire, and I will show thee preff."

Reel No. 5.

No. 1. Hight everteek the harring group.

He. 2. The stain of blood be it man's er beast's is always red.

Its mark on Cassander's garment panged the skeptic menarch and exhibitated the prejudiced priest.

No. 3. "Is Semya not with you?"

No. 4. "Seays was not at school."

N No. 5. Nor can Abrameff relieve Sasha's anxiety.

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He. 6. Sasha's search proves fruitless.

No. 7. "She may be at the Innkeeper's."

No. 8. Nome but winds of gossip are so fleet in carrying idle thoughts. But two wagging tengues and the fate of thousands may hang in the balance. No. 9. With their knewledge of the approaching Heldiday for Abrameff

is added the debasing thought that Sonya might have been sacrificed ....

Se the flickering flome of Prejudice was fanned snew through No. 10.

ignerance. Surging with meb spirit, paralyzed of reason, they approach him No. 11. who is so much oppressed.

No. 12. "My friend, I saw Sonya, but it was this morning."

No. 12A, Serging their treacherous purpose brother and sister confess their evil thought.

(Note) Here eliminated title entirely according to other textw which precedes some showing the fade into the temple. This is to be used but

without a title. No. 15. As Sasha appresches Abrameff me more is he the truth seeker

but the victim of a prejudiced mind-

Ho. 18 a. "Answer me, what have you done with her?"

No. 14. Deprived of all reason, Sasha passes judgment on Abramoff.

is the charge of a prejudiced mind. "Murder!"

And now the meb increasing its hate to violence raises the cry of "MURDER" as if to invoke the very heavens.

Reel 6.

No. 1. "Put thy trust in God. In truth will He be with you-ever."

No. 2. "Pursuing their bleed lust as if with a hely purpose,"-

"Come, my cellar will secret you."

4. Here, in a hele underground, are they assured safety from

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prying eyes.

No. 5. Again Sasha reads the marrative of Prejudice among races.

No. 6. (in the beek) With the false evidence of this sinister priest

did the news of Cassander's sacrifice cause a clamer for vengesnee.

No. 7. In his mind comes an evil thought.

Ho. S. (in the book) if Fate had not ordained Alexander for a great warrier, it would have made him great as a thinker. He was one in a marrow world without prejudice.

No. 9. So the memorah commanded the secret guards to watch the pal ace of Manotho.

No. 10. Before the Palace of Memothe.

No. 11. "Wee unto them! They have sacrificed the blood of Caseander."

No. 12. "Theu mean'st the blood of an ass not Casemder's for did'st not know Cossender was an ass?"

Resi No. 7.

No. 1. (in the book) with speed was the news of Helena's hiding place brought to the menarch.

No. 2. And so quick was escert commanded to arrest Memothe and Helens.

No. 3. while the simister priest counselled Helena to flee with her

lever and from the danger of a wrathful King.

No. 4. "Alexander is just. Because our love is true may we hope for forgiveness."

Ho. 5. "Mercy, Sire, I will comfoss."

"Sire, of all this I beseech thee I know nameht." Ho. 6.

"Thou art young Cassander and Helena beantiful. Let neither king nor man distrub the seremity of true love."

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No. 8. (in the book) thus the charge against the innecent Hebrews proved false. But what suffering had it wrought ere dispreved. In later years were countless descendants afflicted with the stigms of that first taint; and to the present day is it false, without basis, malicious as these who seek to injure the purity of an undying people.

No. 9. As we return to our drama of scul-strife, Sasha is term by the swil he has so hastily instigated and the good which might have been; while elsewhere —

He. 10. Until their blood lust knew no bounds-

No. 11. And mingled with the sound of the soft, meaning wind came the terrible cry of "POGROM!"

No. 12. But no house offered refuge.

No. 13. Fill at last to the temple of their Ged they fled and to Him they prayed --- a prayer for the unburied dead and a prayer for the suffering living.

Reel 8.

No. 1 And thusthe red of a sky mirroring the flames of hate in the night before melted in the birth of emother day, but its pale light engraved the scattered dead and houses now stalk in sales of black.

No. 2. Elsewhere the light kissed the tears of a little girl-

No. 3. Oh! What tragedy might have been averted but for the helpless Senya.

No. 4. Their discovery gives no consolation to the guilty pair, lest themselves be slain as others without guilt.

He- 5. And the woman reasons that Vrensky will give her the right, selfish course to take. "Frensky, I know where Abrameff's children hide- come."

No. 6. Vrensky speeds his sister to Sasha and himself prepares a new plan

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of revenge.

Note: Fade in to scene showing Manya with her father before the meb.

No. 8. "Manya, the murder is proved . Your father is guilty."

Harris Ho. 9. You will pay for it with your lives, all of you.

No. 10. "Sasha, you have been avenged, but Abrameff's children live. Comp?"

No. 11. "I will mor kill, Please go."

No. 12. "The Abrameff's must perish, else Senya shall not be delivered." Reel 9.

No. 1. Thus worsed by defeat and unyielding to truth Vrensky and Vera chant their evil duet.

No. 2. (Newspaper insert) CHARGE GUARDS WITH BRIBERY. Abrameff's Priends Said to Help His Escape From Justice.

No. 3. Once more raging with unchecked fury, once more seeking a victim for its bleed lust.

No. 4. While the innegent victim breathes a prayer.

No. 5. Without the shricking mob demands a life.

No. 6. And overpowers the guards.

No. 2. But the life of Vrendry has breathed its last.

No. 8. And within a tertured living soul is seized.

No. 9. But he alone will not satisfy the meb's last. His children must see the wangsomes wrought upon him. Yet for all these was it written; "Vengeence is the Lord's."

No. 10. Against a stone wall they steed him and his eyes reflect the suffering of world-hate, his hands free to defend the velley of stones which he knows will seen come, only his lips tramble a prayer before his journey

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to a new, perhaps, happier land.

No. 11. As the first stone crashed the temple of his forehead and the first such of blood trickled ever the pale features, Abrameff's voice rent the air as he cried: "ELI, ELI, LOMO SCHOVECHI." ("Lord, sh Lord why hast them forselves me.")

No. 12. "Hurry! They are stoning Abrameff."

No. 13. From her capters Manya tore herself.

witness of Abramoff's innecence, and hushed in shame the jeering mob is now in abject sorrow.

No. 14 A. "Vengeonce is the Lord's."

No. 15. "Manya, my beloved in your hour of need I steed with mind projudiced. Bay that you will forgive a blind and set that I may be strengthened and go forth cleaned of evil and help my people see the light cof reason."

No. 16. "In blindness we accused, in ignorance condemned. Our hearts will suffer as you have suffered lost you forgive us."

No. 17. Note: On the skeleten outline of President Harding's image carried all through the wording lot the following read: Even in this day a great leader has written "'It is good to know that we live in a day in which smelent prejudices are fast being obliterated."

No. 18. You who are clustered in comfort, undisturbed by such tragic circumstances, have witnessed a drama of sul-strife witten in life's many pages. As you pass into the next phase of action, bethink yourself of the glery of a country where such deeds shall never be.

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